

CCG Sunderland update
Report to Corporate Parenting Board
7th March 2022

1.0 Purpose of the report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to:

- Demonstrate our duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in care
- To assure the corporate parenting board that health services to children in care are provided without undue delay or geographical prejudice
- To demonstrate the aim of the Looked After Health team is for sustained improvement in the health and wellbeing of children in care and those leaving care
- To assure the child's voice around health issues are included wherever possible
- Report on compliance to statutory targets from the Looked After Health Team for South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust

Please note that data reported within this report is Q3 data (October, November and December).

2.0 Compliance data for health assessments

There is no update of data since the last Corporate Parenting Board Meeting.

2.1 Initial Health Assessments (IHA)

- 2.1.1 Local Authorities are responsible for ensuring a health assessment of physical, emotional, and mental health needs is completed for every child within 20 working days of becoming looked after.

Table 1 - Initial Health Assessments

Quarter	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Number	41	56	39		
Compliance	93%	96%	90%		

- The Health Team have been able to demonstrate that they continue to offer appointments within timescales.
- 3 appointments were cancelled by carers and rearranged, 1 cancelled as no consent; this accounted for the 10% seen outside of the 20 working day timeframe.

2.2 Review Health Assessments (RHA)

- 2.2.1 The RHA must happen at least every six months before a child's 5th birthday and at least once every 12 months after the child's 5th birthday within the month they became looked after.

Table 2 - Review Health Assessments

Quarter	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Number	144	140	86		
Compliance	98%	85%	91%		

- Of the 86 appointments 78 complied with timescales.

2.3 Out of Area Health Assessments

Table 3 – Health assessments performed on behalf of Sunderland for children and young people placed outside of area

Assessment	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
IHA	0	1	4		
In timescales		0%	75%		
RHA	14	10	7		
In timescales	90%	50%	86%		

- 1 IHA was out of timescale by one day.
- 1 RHA was out of timescale due to the young person refusing to engage at the 1st appointment that was offered.

3.0 Health Passports

- 11 young people turned 18 years over quarter 3
- All engaged in their final health assessment.
- 18% received their health passport at the time of their 18th birthday.
- All passports have now been completed.

4.0 Dental Appointments

4.1 No additional data regarding dental appointments.

5.0 Service improvements

5.1 The development of the regional Health Passport App is ongoing.

5.2 Health Assessment feedback project: the health team have attended both Change Councils to seek young people's views. Telephone feedback is to be

gathered from Young People following their health assessments to get feedback from Young People not part of the Change Council. (I've had no further update of this since the previous Corporate Parenting Meeting).

- 5.3 Dental: regional scoping is currently being carried out to look at dental pathways. I have liaised with PHE and this has been escalated – PHE have feedback that they are exploring who can support with this.

6.0 Recommendations and Actions

The Corporate Parenting Board is asked to note the content of the report.

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